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Richmond, Ind. Oct. 21st 1878.

Dr George Engleman
St Louis. Mo

Dear Sir.

With this I send you a portion of a paper on Nuphar I have prepared for the Botanical Index (January 1879 number) and would like to have you look it over and if I have made any mistake please correct or run a pencil acrost. I publish in connection with my Greenhouse business a Catalogue and popular paper on botanical subjects which I call the Botanical Index. and have tried to give a short article on Water Lilies for the past few numbers. I have forwarded the different numbers to you and suppose you have received them. My next number (Jan) will be published about Dec 1st and if you will correct and add too the paper anything you may think worth while I shall be very thankfull. I am not familiar enough with all the species of Nuphar to write intelligently even with all the works at my command, hence am compelled to ask assistance and as no one is so well acquainted with the subject as you are I have concluded to ask you.

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In collecting roots of the Nelumbium last spring in the Calumet River I found quite a number of tubers of Sagittaria, but I cannot find the tubers at any other place. I have a few growing in my Aquarium now (just ripened) and have sent Prof Gray a few last spring. Are the tuber-bearing variety plenty? I expect I could get more if wanted, if not this fall can next spring.

Hope you can find time to look over my paper and in return shall take pleasure in doing anything for you, you may request.

Very Respectfully

L. B. Case,

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Richmond, Ind. Dec 31st 1878.

Geo Engelmann. M.D.
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir

Your kind favor of the 14th came to hand in due course of mail and probably you received the Index at about the same time. I was very sorry to learn of your poor health but hope it is fully restored before this. I was also sorry to have put you to much trouble but I could not get a description of of some of the species Especially X polysepalum. Of course I do not Expect anything more than a popular article but I am anxious to always be correct and get a full history and description if possible.

In the July Number I propose to present the Sagittaria and would like to know if you would prepare the article for publication and what would be your charges. I would like an ~~illustrated~~ illustrated paper of about 3 or 4 pages of the Index ~~giving~~ of a popular nature - at the same time a scientific description of the species. As required to make it complete. I would have the engravings made in Chicago.

Please let me hear from you at your leisure.

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Richmond, Ind. June 19th 1879

Dear Sir

This morning I sent to your address by mail a box of Sagittaria tubers collected from many points near here. These I forward to you because I do not find as any one seems to know as the Sagittaria has a tuber in this portion of the world. I also enclose in a separate paper in the same box an interesting variety from the Kankakee River that was in flower May 12. I did not find any tubers with this one var - but from the form of the roots I am reasonably certain they are there before the plant has absorbed the substance of the tuber. In the July number of the Index I shall publish a short article on the Sagittaria and have tried in vain to get the dates you ~~took~~ first described the American species. If you can do so without inconvenience I should dearly love to receive the dates but do not want you to spent any time looking it up.

Very Respectfully

L. B. Case

S. variabilis = Engm Mo 1856 ? Calif

S. calycina Bot of Mex Bound 1859

Kalm — Chinese —

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Richmond, Ind July 7th 1874

Dr George Engelmann,
St Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir

Last Saturday I mailed to your address a copy of the July number of the Botanical Index with the article on Sagittaria. You will also no doubt be surprised to see your letter of June 21st printed on page 64 without your permission, but it contained facts and ideas expressed so much better than I had ever seen them before that I stopped the printing of the 64th page and changed it to your and Prof Sereno Watson letters. ~~and~~ as time was so short I could not write to obtain the desired permission, but made the following explanation and apology, which I hope will prove satisfactory.

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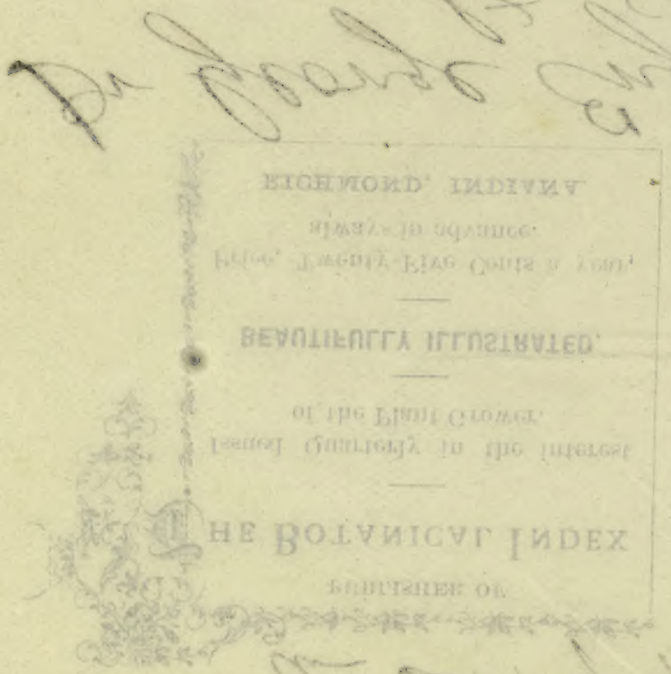

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Richmond, Indiana 6th Dec 1880.

Dr Geo Engelmann
St Louis Mo
Dear Sir
Again I am in search of information
for the readers of the Botanical Index.
and feel compelled to trouble you with
a letter.
In the January Number each year
I propose to give an article on the
"Annual Review of Botanical Progress"
and as you made such an important
trip through a portion of our Wild
Country I write to ask if you will
kindly inform me of your route, time of
traveling, and if your observations
confirm or changed your previously
formed opinions on any special subject.
Of course I do not expect a long account
of your trip but simply a short, brief
Memorandum, which with other
accounts will form a brief history of

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